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DATABASE SYSTEM

A database system is disclosed for use in managing the requirements and design data produced during the engineering of a product such as a software system. The database system is capable of providing a link in the database between an element of the requirements data and an element of the functional design data. The links can be used to associate an individual requirement with the corresponding element of the design data and form part of the data structure in a database. When a database user is viewing or editing an element of data held in the database, the links enable the database system to display to the user the other elements of the stored data that are associated with the data being viewed. For example, if a user views a particular requirement he/she would also be able to identify the associated elements of the design data and to view those elements on giving an appropriate command.